

REMARKS

Claims 12, 13, 16-22 and 36-54 have been canceled.

Claims 55-70, which all ultimately depend from claim 23, have been added. Support for these claims exists throughout the specification, including previously pending claims 23 and 28.

Claims 23, 24, 27-33 and 55-70 are currently pending.

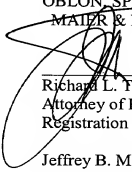
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 23, 24 and 27-33 were allowed. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter. In accordance with this indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants have canceled all non-allowed claims. Also, Applicants have added new claims 55-70 which ultimately depend from allowed claim 23 and, thus, contain allowable subject matter.

In view of the above claim amendments, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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